



Title I Program

"School Rocks"



TO: All Superintendents, County Superintendents, Principals,
Federal Program Directors

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is applying to the U.S. Department of Education for a new School Improvement Grant (SIG) for implementation in the 2014-2015 School Year. These funds may be used only in the lowest performing 5% of schools in the state. The funds for this grant would normally expire on September 30, 2015. However, the U.S. Department of Education is offering waivers to states that would allow use of these funds until September 30, 2017, to allow for a three-year period of availability.

Therefore, the OPI is seeking comments by November 20, 2013, on the following waiver request:

Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FY 2013 school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2017.

Please send your comments to opiwaivers@mt.gov no later than midnight, November 20, 2013.